

2. Decrease in expenditure in the establishment for supervising the work of Panchayats; if so, to what extent?

Mr. I. RAMAN MENON (*Superintendent of Agriculture and Panchayats*).

1. The Panchayats are so many self-governing units. Efficiency in their working is therefore a quality which must come from within. The transfer of supervision over these bodies to the Superintendent of Agriculture & Panchayats has in consequence nothing to do with the increased efficiency in the working of the Panchayats.

2. The transfer, as effected in the Diwan's Proceedings C. No. 1251/97, dated 3rd July 1922, Revenue Department (Land Revenue) which will be found published in the Cochin Government Gazette, dated the 24th of Mithunam 1097, has resulted in an average reduction under establishment charges of Rs. 204 and a half per mensem.

Mr. C. A. OUSEPH (*Chalakkudi*).

Will the Government be pleased to state whether efficiency will not increase or decrease in accordance with efficient or inefficient supervision?

Mr. I. RAMAN MENON (*Superintendent of Agriculture and Panchayats*).

Yes.

Mr. C. A. OUSEPH (*Chalakkudi*).

26. Will the Government be pleased to state whether it intends, in respect of the Panchayat Administration, to revert to the system which was in vogue prior to the clubbing referred to in Q. 25?

Mr. I. RAMAN MENON (*Superintendent of Agriculture and Panchayats*).

Government has no such intention.

Registry of Kanom Demises and Kychits

Mr. C. A. KUNJUNNI RAJA (*Landlords*).

27. Will the Government be pleased to state the total number of kanom demises and kychits registered in each of the Registry Offices in the State during each of the last 30 years.

Mr. A. SANKARA MENON (*Law member*).

A statement giving the information is laid on the table. (*Vide Appendix 2*).